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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Divisional Of:

Applicants: Antonito Panganiban, et al.
Serial No.: 09/301,978
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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING MODULATORS OF
HIV-1 VPU AND GAG INTERACTION WITH U
BINDING PROTEIN (Ubp)
Group Art Unit: 1648
Examiner: U. Winkler

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 7 - 16. Applicants
intend to prosecute the above-identified case drawn to
claims 3 - 6, restriction Group III, drawn to an assay.

Applicants believe no fee is necessary to enter this
amendment. However, if a fee is necessary please charge
Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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